New Commission for agricultural research

1369. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a new proposal to appoint one more Commission for effective agricultural research in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives to be achieved thereby;

(c) whether the proposed Commission would, *inter-alia* co-ordinate with the researches already going on in the agricultural field in various States and agriculture universities in the country, to avoid duplication; and

(d) the terms of reference and composition of the proposed Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.

Butchering of cows in Mathura and Gurgaon

1370. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cows were butchered in Mathura and Nanhere village of Gurgaon district of Haryana recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have initiated any probe to find out the circumstances under which such acts of cruelty were committed and who were responsible for the gruesome crime; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) As per provisions of the Constitution, animal preservation is a subject within the purview of the respective State Governments/Union